

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A container blank (1)-comprising:
a bottom-forming wall-(3) and two opposite side walls-(2), said walls-(2, 3) being joined along boundary lines-(9, 10, 13) to form an essentially flat container blank-(1), the container blank having:
an upper portion-(5),
a bottom portion-(7),
a central portion-(6) defined by the upper portion-(5) and the bottom portion-(7) and also by a front boundary line-(9) and an intermediate boundary line-(13), said portions-(5, 6, 7) being arranged along the a longitudinal axis-(L) of the container blank-(1), and
a handle portion-(8) defined by the intermediate boundary line-(13) and a rear boundary line-(10),
~~characterised in that~~
wherein the intersections-(A, B, C, D) between the front boundary line-(9) and respectively the rear boundary line-(10) and the upper portion-(5) and the bottom portion-(7) constitute corners of a parallelogram comprising an angle of inclination-(\square) relative to the longitudinal axis-(L) of the container blank-(1), in which parallelogram the front boundary line (9) forms an angle which is acute towards the bottom portion-(7) ~~and~~,
the front boundary line-(9) and the intermediate boundary line-(13) along the longitudinal axis-(L) of the container blank-(1) give the central portion-(6) an essentially symmetrical, frustoconical shape,
the front boundary line has a concave curvature relative to the central portion, and
the intermediate boundary line has a concave curvature relative to the central portion.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 1, in which the front boundary line-(9) has a complementary curvature to the rear boundary line-(10).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 1, in which the handle portion-(8) comprises a handle-forming duct means-(15) intended for gas filling.

5. (Currently Amended) A container blank as claimed in claim 1, in which the bottom portion-(7) and the central portion-(6) together, in a container-(21) made of the container blank (1), define a volume corresponding to at least 80% of the volume intended for the container-(21).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 1, comprising a duct means-(14) intended for filling, said duct means having an extent towards the interior of the container blank-(1).

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 6, in which the duct means-(14) intended for filling tapers towards the interior of the container blank-(1).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 1, comprising a spout-like duct means-(17).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 8, in which the spout-like duct means-(17) has an end portion-(18) with a tear initiation.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A container~~The container blank as claimed in claim 9, in which the end portion-(18) is wholly or partially delimited from the rest of the spout-like duct means-(17) by a zone-(19) weakened by thinning of material, the end portion-(18) being manually separable, by the weakened zone-(19), from the rest of the spout-like duct means-(17).

11. (Currently Amended) A container-(21) produced by filling of a container blank ~~having the features~~ as claimed in any one of claims ~~1-10~~1 or 3-10.